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Dog Licenses
Getting Costly

LATHRUP—City Administrator Leonard Watchowski told the city council Monday that 100 warning tickets had been issued to families who had not purchased dog licenses. A dog license bought on time costs \$2.25 in Lathrup. After March 1 the price goes up to \$4.25. Warning tickets, then \$5 tickets, Watchowski warned that dogs will cost \$9.25 if license aren't bought at once.

Teachers
Get Raise
In S'field

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield board of education voted Monday to raise 1958-59 teachers' salaries by \$150 each and to add a 10th step to the salary increment schedule.

Since annual jumps are \$250, this means a \$400 raise for the district's teachers. Beginning salaries will be \$4,250, increasing in 10 steps to \$6,650 for teachers with bachelor degrees and with master's degrees get \$250 more.

The increase will make Southfield salaries comparable to surrounding districts. A teachers' salary committee had requested a \$500 increase. The board cut the amount to half as well as the increase granted will bring the deficit to \$100,000. Superintendent Glenn Schoenfeld said that salaries are 51 per cent of the operating budget.

PLANS were made to give comparable adjustments to administrators, janitors and bus drivers. The tentative budget also included a \$12,000 library appropriation. This provides for services of an additional librarian and book purchase.

Budget revisions still may be made by Schoenfeld. He is chief of the electrical department of Argonne. The new council voted to continue meeting on the first and third Mondays of the month. Meetings for children could be at school if parents wished. Schoenfeld added that the board would under the provision for substitute teachers.

THE BOARD approved purchase of four school buses at a total cost of \$21,350. It also awarded a contract to Olesky company for \$29,000 for equipment and installing the science laboratory and art rooms of the high school addition. Plans for a multipurpose room addition for John Grace school were presented by the architect, DeLong and Ballou. A special meeting was set for 8 p.m. next Wednesday at John Grace school to go over final plans. Administrative offices will be included in the plans.

Postal Study
Is Promised
For S'field

SOUTHFIELD—A post office for Southfield became a distinct possibility Monday when Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield promised prompt action to simplify the complex mail situation.

Five different offices now send mail to Southfield residents. Tom Costello, township trustee, residents and council members confer with Summerfield's assistant, J. M. McKibbin and Congressmen William S. Bloomfield (R-Oakland county). Costello said he was "satisfied" that better postal service would result within a few months.

Costello said that the 7,200 homes in Southfield get mail through Birmingham, Farmington, Royal Oak, Detroit 35 and Detroit 41.

Summerfield told Costello that a study is appropriate now because of the charter election Monday which may make a city of the area.

Lathrup Gets Word
On 11 Mile Highway

LATHRUP—Lathrup council members learned Monday that the 11 mile east-west highway included in the highway planning department's 10 year program. Residents and council members have been concerned that the route might cut the city in two, but a letter from the planning department stated that the highway could be placed within three or four miles of 9 mile road.



Ex-mayor Lantz Mackey takes it easy.

Cogger Is Elected
Mayor of Lathrup

LATHRUP—Richard N. Cogger is the new mayor of Lathrup. He was elected by the council members Monday. Frederick O. Johnson was chosen mayor pro tem.

Cogger replaces Mayor Lantz Mackey, who retired Monday after five years of service to Lathrup. His term as councilman expired, and he did not seek reelection. If Earl Hanson fills the council vacancy.

Cogger has been a council member three years and has served as mayor pro tem. He is superintendent of manufacturing at Parker Davis and company. Cogger has lived in Lathrup 18 years and has three children. He has been active in civic affairs, PTA, Scouting and civil defense.

JOHNSON has been on the council for two years. He is chief of the electrical department of Argonne. The new council voted to continue meeting on the first and third Mondays of the month. Meetings for children could be at school if parents wished. Schoenfeld added that the board would under the provision for substitute teachers.

Before handing his gavel to Cogger, Mackey spoke to the citizens in the council chamber in a voice cracked with emotion. He thanked his co-workers on the council and other city officials.

Delegates Enthusiastic
About Bloomfield Group

BLOOMFIELD—About 60 persons who said they represented some 2,000 families in Bloomfield township, Tuesday were enthusiastic about forming a united civic association for the township.

They attended an organization meeting at Bloomfield Hills high school, at which George Peter presided. The meeting grew out of tax protest, but the new organization will be concerned with township affairs of all kinds.

Peter urged that any civic groups in the township that had not been contacted were welcome to join. About 28 sent representatives Tuesday. They expressed interest in zoning, sewers, fire and police protection, schools and school taxes, and other legislative matters.

PETER said the new group will act in an advisory capacity both for the township board and to the state representatives. He sees the organization doing research for the law makers and asking them by backing legislation of interest to the township.

Arthur Pottle, one of the organizers of the original tax group, summarized activities so far and reported on the tax group's trip to Lansing. Roland Kolber spoke of the way the 15 mill tax was divided among schools, county and township, and urged a study of school costs.

Another organization meeting will be held May 27, when committees will be formed to draw up procedures and laws for the group.

Westwood Loan
Interest Is 1.675%

WESTWOOD—The interest on Westwood loan from the National Bank of Detroit will be 1.675 per cent. The new mortgage borrowed \$12,500 to pay its expenses until taxes are collected. The money will also repay loans councilmen have made to pay expenses to date.

City Charter Vote on Monday
To Determine Southfield FutureCandidates
Evaluated
In S'field

SOUTHFIELD—"Preferred" and "qualified" candidates in the Southfield council ballot have been recommended by the Citizens for Southfield group. Voters will select seven councilmen at the charter election Monday.

The committee interviewed all but two of the candidates before making endorsements. "Preferred" candidates were chosen on the basis of their local government experience. "Qualified" was the term chosen to indicate that the candidate's education or business experience would be a help as councilmen.

On the preferred list are Emanuel Christensen, C. Hugh Doherty, John Hollingsworth, Mr. Jean McDonald, T. Neil McGregory, and Robert Warfield.

Listed as "qualified" are O. David Edwards, Thomas J. Grady, William F. Mueller and Dr. L. Z. Sivarman.

THE COMMITTEE said two candidates, Charles F. Marando and Dr. Philip Maloney, failed to keep their appointments and thus could not be evaluated.

The Citizens for Southfield organization has been working on incorporation ever since the movement began years ago. It plans to move into Southfield politics on a fuller basis now. The committee consists of about 30 persons, but those currently running for office have withdrawn during the campaign.

MEMBERS of the group that interviewed candidates are Howard Coleman, Herbert O. Doherty, Merlin K. Galt, Fred D. Leonard, Donald G. McNeill, Mark W. Bohne, Vincent Sault, and J. Lew Walton.

The group made no attempt to evaluate or interview candidates for mayor or the other offices on the ballot.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Hill's School District Tries to Hold Line on Budget 1-A

St. Bede's to Be Dedicated Thursday by Cardinal 7-B

Jane Romney Engaged 1-C

Ask Birmingham Track Coach to Reconsider 6-E

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THE COUNCIL authorized the Safety Director Murphy to buy stop signs which Reed and Asbury will install making four-way stops.

FRANKLIN—Franklin's hills may be a poet's delight, but they're a street administrator's nightmare. Stanley Hunter, charged with the administration of road problems in the village, said that the roads are a major headache. He said Monday, the council to remedy critical situations in the village.

THE COUNCIL agreed to spend \$500 from the major road fund for a professional drainage survey of Wellington road near Irving, Carol, Normandy and Brandingham roads. Ditches are filled with stagnant water.

THE SURVEY will establish water flow, which, despite a 24 inch creek that is the existing drain, fails to carry off water trapped by surrounding hills. Residents of Evelyn avenue appealed for permission to use oil

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Swanson was on the 1955 charter commission as well as the last, and was elected mayor in 1955. He is past president of the Washington Heights Civic association.

Bullock is a candidate for the school board. He is a member of the executive board of the community center and a member of the PTA area council.

Maloney feels that Southfield could become one of the country's best. He holds that the largest possible area will prove most economical to operate and has been active in incorporation movements from the beginning. Swanson urged every voter to make "yes" for the charter.

Swanson is 37. He and his wife June, live in the country. He drives with their four children.

BULLOCK has been a resident of Southfield 2 years. He, his wife, and two children moved to Southfield in 1947. He is a member of the Young Republicans and is on the advisory board of the drivers' training school.

Bullock is a member of the first driver's training class. He was defeated in a previous candidacy for sheriff.

MALONEY is a member of the Southfield township board, the board of education, the charter commission and the township planning advisory board. He is president of the Washington Village Civic association and vice president of the Southfield Taxpayers association. Maloney, 56, is married and has three children.

"I BASE my candidacy on my past performance," Maloney says, "representing the people with devotion and responsibility. I know of no other man in Southfield who has acted on so many boards concurrently or has devoted so much effort to the betterment of Southfield and protection of its citizens."

Neither Maloney or his son, Dr. Philip J. Maloney, who is running for council post or supplied a photograph in time for publication.

OTHER council candidates are Leonard J. Blaszk, Emmanuel Christensen, C. Hugh Doherty, David Edwards, Thomas J. Grady, Joseph J. Hartigan, Jr., John Hollingsworth, Neil McGregory, McDaniel, T. Neil McGregory, Charles F. Marando, William F. Mueller, George J. O'Jibway, Richard Touchette, Dr. L. Z. Sivarman and Robert F. Wuerfel.

BLASZAK, his wife and three children live at 13354 Addison. He is an active member of the St. Michael's. He believes Southfield should accept the new charter as it opens the way for progress.

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RECENT PHOTO

Rock-A-Bye-Baby

A six-month-old infant with many mothers is being honored at 8 p.m. on April 25. The baby's name is the Valley Woods PTA and the April Showers card party will be for its benefit. Helping to decorate the school's multi-purpose room are (from left) Mrs. Monty Miller, refreshment chairman, Mrs. Harvold Tryman, decoration committee member and Mrs. John Champagne, chairman of the party.